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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the above application in view of the above amendments and the below remarks is requested.

With the above amendment, claims 1 and 12 remain. The other claims have been canceled.

In the Office Action, the Patent Office indicated that claims 3 and 12 were objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and including any limitations in any intervening claims. Claim 1 now combines claims 1 and 3; claim 12 now combines claims 1 and 8. The rejections in the Office Action have been traversed and withdrawal thereof is requested. As applicants previously paid for 20 total claims/3 independent claims, no additional claim fees are required with this amendment.

Applicants submit that the concerns of the Patent Office have been addressed. Withdrawal of the rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted.

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